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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency McLean, Virginia

Dear Director Casey:

Ideas are valueless unless they are communicated. They also are valueless if they are not agreed upon and adopted. When I gave the enclosed speech in Phoenix last November, Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldridge wrote, "we will consider (your remarks) closely as we pursue measures to enhance the preparedness capability of the nation." White House Special Assistant Richard C. Morris informed "remarks have been submitted for review by staff members who have specialties in the areas covered by your remarks." And, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger wrote, "It is obvious to me that you have given a great deal of thought to what you perceive our nation's major problems to be now and what they might be in the future, if something is not done about them. These are indeed serious matters, and it is refreshing to see them addressed squarely. Precis, such as yours, significantly assist us in focusing on the major problems, and in weighing consequent courses of action."

These comments, and others, encourage me to provide an emended version of my remarks for your consideration. As a participant in the NDER National Conference, March 7-9, I look forward to hearing your remarks and hopefully to meeting you. I will be staying at the Shoreham.

With all good wishes.

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